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POLICE ADVICE: GET A HAMMER!**PLAINTIFF'S STORY.****BRITISH COUPLE SUE LADY OF BOARDING HOUSE.****"LOCKED OUT," THEY SAID.**

That after he and his wife had been locked out of their room (in which was their luggage) the Police advised him "to get a great hammer and smash the door in" was reluctantly admitted by one of the joint plaintiffs in a Summary Court action heard this morning, in which all parties are foreigners.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Howarth, now living at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, sued Mrs. L. R. Castellian, of No. 2a, Queen's-road Central, for damages.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara was for plaintiffs. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, Sr., defended.

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At the outset, the Pulse Judge (Mr. Justice P. Jacks) gave leave for the writ to be amended so that defendant's name would read Mrs. L. R. Young; as she had married shortly after the writ was issued.

Mr. Macnamara, in his opening, said that the facts and the law concerning the case were simple. He was surprised by his "friend's" formidable library of legal works on counsel's table.

Mr. and Mrs. Howarth, according to the case for them, took a bedroom and private bathroom at Mrs. Young's for \$65, for a fixed period of one month (August), at \$65 pre-paid, meals consumed to be charged for at 50 cents each.

SAW THE BAILIFF.

On Aug. 14, Mr. Howarth said he was going to Australia at the end of the month. Mrs. Young then asked Mrs. Howarth if she were going to pay any compensation in lieu of notice. Mrs. Young asked for \$32.50 but Mrs. Howarth refused as she had taken the room for the fixed period of one month.

On Aug. 27 Mrs. Young said definitely that she intended to take proceedings. Mr. and Mrs. Howarth dined in Kowloon and stayed the night there.

On the morning of Aug. 28 Mr. and Mrs. Howarth returned to Mrs. Young's where they found that they had been locked out and forcibly prevented from getting their baggage. They went to the Police, then to the bailiff at the Supreme Court, then to Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist (who they found out were acting for Mrs. Young) and then to Messrs. Deacons who advised them to pay the \$32.50 under protest.

A LODGER'S GOODS.

After "a lot of trouble," their property was returned to them on Aug. 29.

Continuing, Mr. Macnamara said that the \$32.50 was subsequently returned by Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist. Hereupon Mr. d'Almada, Jr., interposed to say that the return had been made without his consent.

Mr. Macnamara asserted that no distress warrant had been taken out by Mrs. Young. Here was a lodger, he added, and not a keeper's house; and there was no right to have any lien on the goods of a lodger.

The sum of \$32.50 had been claimed by Mrs. Young in effect, said Mr. Macnamara, as damages for breach of an alleged contract by Mr. and Mrs. Howarth to take the room on a monthly tenancy. Mrs. Young was not justified in shutting them out and detaining their goods. Further, her conduct very seriously aggravated the case against her.

MR. HOWARTH'S RELUCTANCE.

In the witness box, Mrs. Howarth said that she got her luggage back at 12 noon on Aug. 29, it being thrown out on the pavement. She stated that Mrs. Young claimed to have had a distress warrant. She and her husband, by reason of Mrs. Young's action, had been unable to take their passage to Australia on the *“Tanda”* which left on Aug. 31. She would now have to stay on at the Palace Hotel until Sept. 28 and she had paid \$200 in advance there.

Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada, Jr., witness denied that Mrs. Young had intimated that the tenancy was to be a monthly one and that she would require a month's notice. This luggage consisted of four trunks and about six suitcases.

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“REBELS” HAVE TO DISARM.**NANKING WINS.****CHIHLI AND SHANTUNG FORCES SURRENDER.****CHIANG AT NANKING.**

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Luango River, in order to allow

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free hand.—Reuter.

DUTCH BUDGET.**SHOWS A SURPLUS OF 8,000,000 FLORINS.****REDEMPTION OF LOAN.**

The Hague, Yesterday.

Presenting the Budget, which announced that the \$40,000,000 florins, the Finance Minister announced that the \$40,000,000 loan issued by New York bankers after the war will be partially redeemed in 1929.—Reuter.

THE “TAI TUNG.”**PROSECUTED FOR THIRD TIME IN TWO MONTHS.**

For the third time within two months, the Tai Tung native distillery has become involved in prosecutions brought by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

Before Major C. Willson O.B.E., this morning the licensed distillery, the accountant and the "size top" (skilled worker) were each summoned on three counts as follows:

(1) Unlawfully distilling molasses mash from certain "kongs" without a permit;

(2) Failing to keep a record of the mash distilled;

(3) Removing 50 jars of spirits without special foil; and

(4) Removing eight jars of spirits without special foil.

The magistrate, Mr. W. Schofield, remarked that it appeared to him that defendant had refused on this occasion on the ground that last time he had not been paid enough.

"Asked by the Magistrate why he did not approach Mr. Shank in the proper manner when he thought he had not been paid enough, defendant replied that he did not have an opportunity to do so."

"His Worship: I can see no reason for your action. Your proper course of complaint, if your fact was not sufficient to object in the proper manner."

The case was then remanded for 24 hours, so as to allow the driver's roll to attend court to give evidence.

When asked by Mr. Macnamara whether he acted on the advice the Police gave him, Mr. Howarth appeared reluctant to answer. Mr. Macnamara then asked: "What advice did the Police give you?" After a pause, witness replied: "Get a great hammer and smash the door in." Mr. Howarth said that, the door was closed and sent him out of pocket expenses was \$250.

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PRIME MINISTER'S RETURN.**NOW IN PARIS.****GREATLY BENEFITED BY HIS HOLIDAY.****IN LONDON ON SUNDAY.**

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SUZANNE LENGLEN RETIRES.**OWN STATEMENT.****“I SHALL NEVER PLAY AGAIN,” SHE SAYS.****REINSTATEMENT RUMOURS.**

Nice, Yesterday.

Mentioned by Reuter regarding rumours that she is seeking reinstatement as an amateur,



"Suzanne."

Suzanne Lenglen declared she had not touched a racket for months. She added: "I shall never play again, either as an amateur or a professional."—Reuter.

STILL FAIR.

N.E. winds, fresh, fair, is the forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone remains central, to the north of Japan. A trough of low pressure extends from Indo-China.

HOLLAND'S QUEEN.**DELIVERS OPENING SPEECH AT DUTCH STATES GENERAL.****REFERS TO SHIPPING.**

The Hague, Yesterday.

Queen Wilhelmina, in her speech in opening the States General, said that Dutch shipping was suffering from surplus tonnage on the world market. She regretted that international efforts towards reduction of armaments had not led to more tangible results, but was gratified that international co-operation was increasing in various spheres, especially in economies.

Officials attribute the scare to hostile machinations.

At Barcelona.

A communists states that De Rivera is still at Barcelona, where he received journalists and expressed satisfaction at his enthusiastic popular welcome.—Reuter.

SHIPPING STRIKE.**SEVERAL PORTS STILL HOLD OUT.****SUMMONSES ISSUED.**

Melbourne, Yesterday.

The waterside workers at Brisbane, Adelaide, Fremantle and Newcastle still refuse work under the "two pick-ups" system and cargo at Adelaide is declared "black".

Other transport unions may be involved but negotiations for a complete settlement are proceeding.

The Federal Attorney-General has issued summonses against the Waterside Workers' Federation on a charge of inciting to strike against the award of the Arbitration Court.—Reuter.

ARGENTINE OIL.**GOVERNMENT'S ACTION WITH REGARD TO OIL WELLS.**

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.

The Chamber adopted a Bill providing for the expropriation of the oil wells and other well deposits throughout the country.

Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The holding rate of the dollar on

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AKI MARU Wednesday, 24th October.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.

† NAGATO MARU (omits Penang). Thursday, 27th September.

AWA MARU Thursday, 11th October.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles.

Mexico & Panama.

BOKUYO MARU Saturday, 29th September.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.

KANAGAWA MARU Tuesday, 9th October.

NEW YORK and BOSTON via PANAMA.

† MAYEBASHI MARU Monday, 24th September.

TOBA MARU Sunday, 21st October.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Geneva, Marseilles.

† LIMA MARU (Calls Glasgow). Sunday, 21st October.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

† MORIOKA MARU Wednesday, 19th September.

RANGOON MARU Sunday, 30th September.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU Friday, 21st September.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

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HAWAII MARU Saturday, 20th September.

LAPAT MARU—via Singapore & Colombo. Friday, 26th October.

INDUS MARU Thursday, 20th September.

SHUNKO MARU (Calls at Karachi). Thursday, 4th October.

BORNED MARU Friday, 19th October.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—via Singapore and Colombo.

CHICAGO MARU Friday, 28th September.

CALCUTTA—via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

TACOMA MARU Tuesday, 25th September.

SEATTLE MARU Thursday, 25th October.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—via Shanghai and Japan ports.

LONDON MARU (Sailing from Dairen). Friday, 21st September.

MELBOURNE—via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney. Saturday, 6th October.

BURMA MARU Thursday, 27th Sept. 10 a.m.

HAIPHONG—via Hoi Hoph & Pakhol. Thursday, 27th Sept. 10 a.m.

MINADYO MARU Thursday, 27th Sept. 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama. Thursday, 20th September.

ARGUN MARU Tuesday, 18th September.

JAPAN PORTS SANUKI MARU Wednesday, 19th September.

SEATTLE MARU Tuesday, 23rd Sept. Noon.

KEELUNG—via SWATOW & AMOY. SUNDAY, 25th Sept. Noon.

TAKAO—via SWATOW & AMOY. Thursday, 20th Sept. noon.

DELI MARU Wednesday, 17th October.

TAKAO & KEELUNG. SUNDAY, 25th Sept. Noon.

SOURABAYA MARU Wednesday, 17th October.

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Yuen Sang, (1,982) British, from Amoy—J. M. & Co.—248 passengers, Yunan, (1,206) British, from Canton—B. & S.—2,800 tons general cargo (through).

Linan, (1,856) British, from Shanghai, Amoy—B. & S.—159 passengers, 480 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 584 tons (through).

Hong Peng, (2,525) British, from Rangoon, Singapore—Ho Hong Co.: 1,143 passengers, 1,300 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 100 tons (through).

Hinsang, (1,885) British, from Sandakan—J. M. & Co.—28 passengers, 3,846 tons timber and general cargo for Hong Kong.

Illinois, (8,862) American, from Portland, Celebes—Columbia Pacific Shipping Co.—3,183 tons general cargo (through).

Hanoi, (630) French, from Haiphong, Fort-Bayard—M. M.—39 passengers, 600 tons general cargo (through).

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In his speech before the launch of the American Ambassador, Dr. Schurman, said they were celebrating a memorable event. In the history of the Norddeutscher Lloyd.

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Indus Maru, (2,697) Japanese, from Nagoya, Moji—341 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,831 tons (through).

Sungshan Maru, (1,508) Japanese, from Canton—N.Y.K.—25 passengers, 2 tons general cargo (through).

Tak Hing, (101) Chinese, from Macao—Hoong Hing Co.—50 tons general cargo.

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For Kobe—Seattle Maru.

For Shanghai—Mirzapore.

Patroclus, Shinyo Maru.

For Macao—Tak Hing.

For Canton—Raleigh.

For K. C. Wan—Tel Poo Sek.

For Bo—Bo.

For Tarakan—Lompoe.

Departure.

For Swatow—Sungshan Maru.

Arrivals Departures In port.

British 6 6 21

Japanese 3 4 6

Norwegian 1 1 7

Chinese 2 1 14

French 1 2 1

German 0 1 0

American 1 2 0

Danish 0 0 1

Dutch 0 0 2

Portuguese 0 0 56

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BORG YARD.

AN EXPLANATION.

It was recently announced that the Deutsche Schiffbau und Maschinenbau Aktiengesellschaft (Deschimag) was contemplating the closing down of the Tecklenborg shipyard at Geestemunde owing to the scarcity of suitable contracts for keeping the works employed. It was recognised that such a step would be a severe blow to the town, as it would throw a number of men out of employment, and accordingly efforts were made to induce the company to reverse its decision.

Recently, negotiations were opened at the offices of the Tecklenborg yard between representatives of the Prussian Government, of the Deschimag, and of the workmen's unions. One of the representatives of the company, Dr. Lischütz, stated that the closing down of the works had become necessary for various reasons, in the first place through the increase in the number of shipyards in the war and post-war periods, secondly through the complete absence of orders for warship building, thirdly through the inflation of world tonnage, and finally through the competition of foreign shipyards.

The placing of the shipbuilding industry once more on a sound and healthy basis, Dr. Lischütz continued, was only possible by an improvement in the prices of new construction and of repairs, and by amalgamation for the purpose of "rationalisation." The latter was the policy which the Deschimag had adopted. That it had not led to success was the fault of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, which had withdrawn the contracts for six steamers which it had formerly given to the Deschimag, and of which the Tecklenborg yard was to have received two.

No Difference.

Herr Landgraf, the representative of the unions, stated that the yard had only become unremunerative since it had come into the hands of the Deschimag.

On behalf of the latter, Director Stapefeldt emphasised that the Tecklenborg yard was splendidly equipped, and capable of meeting any kind of competition. The fact that it was unremunerative was due first and foremost to the extraordinarily depressed prices. In the building of the Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer "Lahn," for example, the works had incurred a loss of 730,000 Reichsmarks.

There were no differences between the Norddeutscher Lloyd and the Deschimag. The contracts for the six steamers had been withdrawn by the Lloyd because the negotiations between the Hapag and the Lloyd in reference to an understanding were in progress, and in the event of an agreement being reached not so much tonnage would be required. It had been hoped to keep the yard in operation if 2,000,000 marks of repairing work per annum were guaranteed by the Norddeutscher Lloyd.

The negotiations were adjourned after the Deschimag had promised to furnish the Prussian Government with a written copy of the minutes of the previous meeting.

From the above declarations, the "Vossische Zeitung" states, it is not sufficiently clear why the Norddeutscher Lloyd, after withdrawing the freight steamer contracts from the Deschimag, almost immediately gave Blohm and Voss, of Hamburg, an order for two large motor cargo ships. It would seem as if it had become estranged as a customer of the Deschimag because it did not approve of the latter's very far-reaching plans for closing down.

SALVAGE AT SCAPA FLOW.

The sunken German warship, "Seydlitz," is proving difficult to refloat. She lies on her side with a large portion exposed above water. Every effort is being made to turn the "Seydlitz" completely bottom upwards, when she would present the same problem as was successfully solved in the case of her sister ship, the "Moltke." Lying on a sandbank in comparatively shallow water, her superstructure is catching the bottom, thus preventing the vessel from being handled as desired. Divers have been engaged for a week blasting away under water her masts, funnels, turrets, bridge, and the guns on her upper deck, with gelignite and electric fuses. The result is disastrous to the fish in the vicinity, and a great quantity of cod, coalfish, and immense conger eels are stunned by the concussion. They float to the surface after a charge has been fired, are easily caught by hand, and form a welcome addition to the men's diet.

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GOVT'S ASSURANCE TO MR. J. P. BRAGA.

KOWLOON TONG HOUSES.

Questions asked by Mr. J. P. Braga at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board and the replies on behalf of the Government by Mr. W. J. Carré (Head of the Sanitary Department) are given below:

Question:—With reference to the leading article appearing in the "South China Morning Post" of the 22nd August last, regarding the development of suburban sites in the Colony, will the President please inform the Board.

(1) What are the Government's intentions as to the reservation of Crown land in the vicinity of Prince Edward-road as an exclusive residential area?

Answer:—Land in the locality under reference is disposed of exclusively for residential purposes.

(2) Will the Government endeavour to prevent the disfigurement of that area by refusing permission for the erection of "pigeon-hole blocks" in the midst of rural surroundings?

Answer:—The answer is in the affirmative.

Question:—Will the Government stipulate as a "special condition" in the general conditions of sale of Crown land abutting on Prince Edward-road that—

(a) no houses will be permitted of a height greater than 35 feet; and

(b) that open space must be reserved for the laying out of lawns or small garden patches attached to such houses?

Question (answered jointly with preceding one):—With a view to securing the aesthetic amenities of the Kowloon Tong garden city, will the intention of the Government be ascertained whether it is prepared to introduce early legislation in order to ensure that houses erected in the vicinity of the Kowloon Tong district shall conform to the type of European residential houses of a maximum height of 35 feet, with the exception of buildings for college and similar institutions?

Answer:—The points mentioned are always considered before land is put up to auction and any necessary special requirements are included in the Conditions of Sale.

Henry F. Slouch, 40, an engineer, was struck on the head and killed by a moving car belonging to a machine known as the Gliders at the Kursaal, Southend-on-Sea.

Enfield (Middlesex) Bench held that a monomark on a dog's collar did not fulfil the requirements of the law in respect of the address of the animal's owner.

up for about twenty-four hours but this will not invalidate the whole experiment. It has been suggested to me also that instead of wooden floats which might prove useful as fire wood, portions of the refuse likely to float should be treated with various dyes. These details can be worked out later.

I regret having to make such a diffuse reply to a simple question but the only reply I can make to question 3 is that I personally am still in doubt.

CONSIDERED 20 YEARS AGO.

Question:—Will the Government consider the advisability of substituting the present method of refuse disposal by the erection of a refuse destructor, thus minimising the dangers of pollution of the waters of the Colony within harbour limits by floating matter containing the germs of infection?

Answer:—The question of Refuse Destructor has frequently been considered by the Government during the last twenty years. The Committee of the Board in 1926 made certain suggestions which are now being followed up. The late Mr. Jackman during his absence in 1926 made careful investigations and examined different types of Refuse Destructor used in various cities in England, India and the Straits Settlements. His draft report on this subject although it shows the unlikelihood of any economical use being made out of refuse destruction in Hong Kong suggests the desirability of introducing an up-to-date unit of one of the more successful plants described as a nucleus of a Refuse Destructor installation.

Members may not have seen the suggestions made by Mr. Newhouse in his report on the possibility of introducing a Refuse Destructor in Hong Kong. The report of the Refuse Destructor Committee of the Board in 1926, which was submitted to the Legislative Council on June 21, 1927, regarding the use of the best generated by a Refuse Destructor for the purpose of pumping the refuse into the sea.

These matters are now before the Government.

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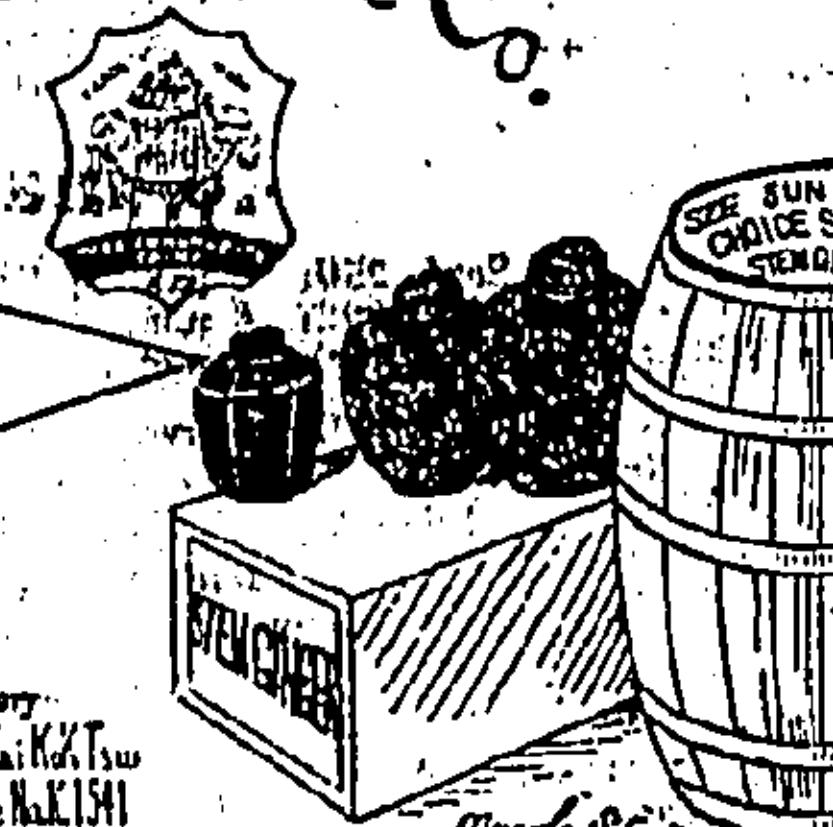
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THE FIGHTING IN NORTH CHINA.

As a precautionary measure the evacuation of foreigners from Peitaiho and Shantaiwan is unquestionably a wise step, and one that was rendered imperative so long as there was the slightest reason to believe that these places were within the war zone. It is by no means the first time that Peitaiho holiday-makers have received such a shock. This popular holiday resort seems to be unfortunately situated, being as it is near the Shantung coast, which, doubtless, along with the rest of the province of Shantung, is the principal objective of General Chang Tsung-chang, so long the Tuchun of the province. Evidently, the redoubtable General Chang is making a sort of final stand, much in the nature of a forlorn hope, it seems to us, to regain supremacy in his old quarters. His hopes are of the flimsiest, as he has not the slightest chance of regaining what has been lost either in Shantung or in any other part of Northern China. There is every probability, therefore, that those foreigners, who have now been compelled hastily to leave their present seaside quarters and take up their abode on the hills of Chingwangtao, will be soon to return to their popular resort. It was even intimated that Shantaiwan should be evacuated as that town is undoubtedly a vital point for operations to or from Manchuria.

It is very satisfactory to learn that the evacuation was successfully completed, and it is equally good to read that not only Chingwangtao, but the Tongshan mining area is quiet. After the

on two occasions with in the last six months there have been no cases for trial at the Sessions and I think it is a matter of congratulation both for the community at large and for the police force our very efficient police force.

It sounds very well, does all this, but facts do not bear it out.

There is no indication at all

that the community is leading lives more virtuous than it was leading before the "white glove" incident, and it does not appear that our police force, "our very efficient police force," has much upon which to congratulate itself. It "challenged" upon these two points we are perfectly willing to turn up in our files a few tasty affairs that have happened in Hong Kong of late and which would have most likely resulted in trials at the Criminal Sessions had the culprits been caught. An empty Sessions List, in one sense, is indicative of nothing; in another it may be indicative of a mighty lot.

The driver of a hand-truck died at Kowloon Hospital yesterday, as the result of a collision between a motor-lorry and the truck at a junction of Navy-street and Austin-road.

There was another bag-snatching incident at Nathan-road yesterday evening, in which Mrs. Withers, residing at Gun Club Hill, Kowloon, was the victim. The thief succeeded in bolting with the handbag which contained \$15.50.

For removing earth from a vacant piece of ground at the junction of Kansu-street and Nathan-road, without a permit from the Public Works Department, an earth-coolie was fined \$5, by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Mr. A. C. Burford, land bailiff, prosecuted.

H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G., accompanied by Mr. Southorn and friends, was present at the 5.10 p.m. performance in the Queen's Theatre yesterday to see the great jungle film "Chang." After the performance His Excellency said he had greatly enjoyed the picture, which he thought was a splendid production.

Leung Wai, a Chinese fugitive, who was "wanted" by the Canton authorities, for kidnapping an aged villager from Mao Yuen Fong, Sun-wui district, was committed for extradition. At yesterday's hearing, Mr. R. E. Lindell informed the accused that the course was available for him of lodging an appeal within fifteen days to the Supreme Court through *habeas corpus* proceedings.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on four fishing boat mistresses at the Mirine Court this morning, defendants being charged with dredging the harbour in the Central Fairway. They denied the charge and said that they were only fishing. The police officer in evidence said that coal was discovered on board, the defendants' boats. An order was made for the confiscation of the tackle and nets.

MANSION HOUSE.

LORD MAYOR'S VISION OF A 50-STORY BUILDING.

"I shudder for my successors, who may have to rise each morning at the Mansion House and see a skyscraper across the road," said the Lord Mayor of London, (Sir Charles Batho) at a luncheon given at the Connaught Rooms by the Institute of Structural Engineers for the presentation of the Dorman-Long Scholarship of £300 and the institution's gold medal. Mr. H. J. Deane presided.

"But in fifty years' time," added the Lord Mayor, "it is possible that my successors may be living in the fiftieth storey of a rebuilt Mansion House."

The scholarship competition, a redesign of the Royal Exchange as a modern steel-frame building incorporating the old features, but providing for additional storeys, was won by Mr. George Caddell, of Liverpool, the second award going to Mr. J. N. Liversage. The purpose of the scholarship was to enable the successful candidate to make a foreign tour of study.

Replying to the chairman's toast of "The Visitor," Lord Riddell proposed "London and its Historic Buildings." The Lord Mayor responding said that to the structural engineers would fall the task of the demolition of many of our old City buildings and the erection of something modern in their place. He bemoaned them to remember the ancient landmarks of the old City and in building the new to remember what went before—that the spirit of the ancient streets might not be forgotten by new generations.

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NOT IN PAWN SHOP.

MR. J. K. MACONACHIE'S ASSURANCE ABOUT HIS PRESENT

TRIBUTE FROM KOWLOON.

An assurance was given by the Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie, minister of Union Church, Hong Kong, that the cabinet presented to him last night by the congregation of Union Church, Kowloon, would never get into a pawn shop as had an old umbrella which had been stolen from him.

Mr. Maconachie said that there was justification for the erection of Union Church in Kowloon, although it was hard to have lost old friends from the Hong Kong church.

The Rev. H. Horace Johnston, B.A., minister of Union Church, Kowloon, presided. He was supported by Mr. B. Wylie, who represented the Scottish community, and the Rev. W. Walton Rogers, M.A., vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

AS A FOUNDER.

Mr. Johnston said:—As representing the Union Church, Kowloon, it is fitting that I should make special reference to the debt which this Church owes to Mr. Maconachie as a founder. It is true that the history of our Church may be traced to an earlier day. Indeed, it should never be forgotten that the Rev. C. H. Hickling (who preceded Mr. Maconachie in the pastorate of Union Church, Hong Kong) at the beginning of his ministry in 1902-3, commenced services at the Kowloon British School. Mr. Hickling was most eager to promote the work and prepared to make considerable personal sacrifices to that end. Nevertheless the difficulties were too great and the services were discontinued in 1904. It was twenty years before they were resumed in January, 1924.

SIR PAUL'S GIFTS.

With the growth of the European population in Kowloon, the need not merely for occasional services but for a Union Church here became urgent and was felt by none more keenly than by Mr. Maconachie. When Sir Paul Chater learneded that this desire was so warmly cherished by Mr. Maconachie, he approached him as a personal friend and put into his hands the princely sum of \$50,000 to enable him to gratify his wish. Later, realising that \$50,000 would not suffice for all that was required, Sir Paul doubled the amount, again entrusting his money to Mr. Maconachie, who would, he hoped, remain in the Colony long enough to see the enterprise firmly established. Naturally Mr. Maconachie passed the money over to the Committee of the Union Church, Hong Kong, thereby committing them to a decisive policy of extension. Negotiations began with Government for a site and with the home Church for a Minister.

SYMPATHY AND HELP.

On my arrival, I soon learnt what an amount of persistent and soul-racking effort had been exerted to try and secure an appropriate site and also to overcome certain difficulties that had been raised with regard to the legal position of the proposed Kowloon Church. And in these efforts, of course, Mr. Maconachie took a leading part, and I may add that, in every difficulty which has occurred since then, I have always known where to look for sympathy and help. It gave me singular pleasure to invite Mr. Maconachie last Sunday to what I knew would be a full Church so that his eyes having seen the fruit of his zeal, he might depart from the Colony in peace.

Our handsome pulpit Bible is the gift of Mr. Maconachie and will be kept with care that it may long continue a reminder of his kind interest.

MRS. MACONACHIE.

More than that, it will be an abiding witness to the supreme motive that has animated all his efforts on her behalf, namely, the extension of God's Kingdom through the Ministry of the Word. Mrs. Maconachie is also leaving behind her a much appreciated souvenir. We are very glad to have her with us to-night and take this opportunity of congratulating her most warmly on the little volume of verse, which I hold in my hand, called "Rosemary Leaves from a Hong Kong Garden." In order to make things easier for their successor, this booklet is being sold on behalf of the decoration fund in Kennedy Road Church.

SYMBOL OF FRIENDSHIP.

The value of the booklet is enhanced by the insertion of the photo which forms the frontispiece. Many of us will be particularly glad to retain the excellent likeness of the "Little Minister" and his wife standing on their Hong Kong Garden. I am not very sure about the colour of Rosemary coming from a Hong Kong garden, and I believe that Mrs. Forsyth will be able to assure us that it is a pale pink.

Mr. Forsyth then presented Mr. Maconachie with a small silver plate which is to be attached to the black cabinet, purchased at the express wishes of Mr. and Mrs. Maconachie.

"CHILD-STEALING."

WOMAN SENT TO JAIL FOR THREE MONTHS.

A SMART SON.

A Chinese woman, from Kongmoon, was yesterday afternoon charged before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy, with kidnapping an 11-year-old Chinese girl. The accused was arrested by the police one day last week on board the s.s. "Tai Lee" which was bound for Kongmoon.

The little girl was in accused's company.

According to the prosecution, the girl's father was a private rickshaw puller, and a widower. The accused, who recently arrived from Kongmoon, proposed to the man that they should live together. The woman only stayed for two days and then disappeared with the man's daughter.

The rickshaw puller's son, as the result of a smart piece of amateur detective work, traced the woman and the girl to the s.s. "Tai Lee." He promptly seized the woman and with the help of a fellow lodger who had gone on board to hawk fruit, held her until the police arrived, who took her into custody.

The Magistrate found the accused guilty of "child-stealing" and sentenced her to three months' hard labour.

GIRL'S DEATH.

SEQUEL TO A SUPPOSED SUICIDE.

A MOTHER'S CHALLENGE.

After a lengthy hearing at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, a further adjournment was ordered in the inquiry, held by Mr. W. Schofield and a Coroners' jury, into the death of a young Chinese woman who was stated to have committed suicide by jumping from the roof of a house in Waterloo-street, on July 27 last.

In the course of the cross-examination of a Chinese woman, who gave evidence yesterday, it was revealed that this witness had been challenged by the dead girl's mother to declare her innocence before the girl's corpse. The mother declared that such a declaration on the part of the witness would satisfy her (the mother) that the witness had had nothing to do with the girl's death.

The witness was alleged to have failed to comply, and consequently the proceedings were necessitated to investigate the girl's death.

The inquiry will continue on Tuesday afternoon next.

WILL PENSION FOR WOMEN.

Among the bequests of the late Miss Mary Baily, of St. Helens, Locks Hill, Frome, Somerset, who has left estate of £31,224, with net personalty £29,743, are the following:—

£2,000 to the Frome Charity

Trustees "to apply the income in the support of a lady of gentle birth, born in the parishes of Frome or Selwood, or who has resided in either of those parishes for the last 25 years, and who is in poor or indifferent financial circumstances, directing that, if she desires to, accept it, Mrs. Briggs, formerly matron of Frome Victoria Hospital, shall be first recipient of the gift."

Often tigers attack domestic animals on the edge of a village and lie in wait for the unwary hunter. Merian Cooper and Ernest Schoedsack, the two intrepid explorers who filmed "Chang," discovered this soon after their arrival in Siam for the purpose of producing the jungle melodrama.

The movie men's encounters with tigers were frequent and at times became necessary to shoot in self-preservation. After each killing the natives dismembered the animals, carefully removed their whiskers, which they use as charms, and boiled the bones for medicine. No native family is considered safe without a receptacle containing the essence of tiger bones.

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In his reply, Mr. Maconachie thanked Mr. Johnston and many others for their kindnesse to him, and said:— "There was not a man in the room, he said, who had a greater, more pleasant and faithful friend than Mr. Maconachie. He added that Mr. Maconachie would receive an honoured place in his household.

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"MORE GROTESQUE."

DEFENCE IN SUIT BY A TAX COLLECTOR.

IMMEDIATE EXECUTION.

After Mr. Justice P. Jackson (Puisne Judge) had observed:—

"The plaintiff's case has been described as grotesque by the defence, but I am almost inclined to believe that the defence is even more grotesque, as the suit for \$1,000 which plaintiff maintained he paid out while collecting taxes last year in Hainan Island, on behalf of defendant Li Kwo-nung.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada was for plaintiff and Mr. C. A. S. Russ for defendant. Defendant was cross examined at length, during which he said that he had held four appointments under the Canton Government, none of which had lasted more than six months.

Defendant denied that he was the "farmer" for the collection of these taxes and claimed to be an official.

Mr. d'Almada applied for immediate execution on the ground that defendant would be leaving for Canton. Mr. Russ opposed, suggesting an application for instalments, on behalf of his client, in chambers on Saturday.

During the proceedings his Lordship was heard to remark that "anything might happen in China."

A GREAT FILM.

"BIRTH OF A NATION" AT WORLD.

D. W. Griffith's stupendous production, "The Birth of a Nation" through which the director and the leading players, Lillian Gish, Henry B. Walthall and Mae Marsh, first achieved fame, returns to the World Theatre to-day, where it will remain the chief attraction until Saturday. The story deals with the chaotic times which prevailed in America before and immediately after the Civil War and depicts in a vivid manner the sorrows and strife of the people during that period. Eventually, the "Klux Klan," an association of the oppressed, who rode about by night, masked and hooded, brought this tyranny to an end, and established an era of prosperity and amity in the land. The picture contains a number of spectacular scenes, not the least of which is a wonderful ride by the hooded avengers which comes as a smashing climax to a remarkable picture.

"The Birth of a Nation" was the first "super" production to be made. It definitely decided the future of the motion picture and at the same time revealing the genius of the screen's foremost director.

Owing to the great length of the picture only three shows a day can be given, and these start promptly at 2.30, 6.30 and 9.15 p.m. The orchestra will play at 9.15 p.m.

TIGER WHISKERS.

WHAT MOVIE MEN FOUND IN JUNGLE.

Tigers in the jungles of Northern Siam are believed to be the guardians of departed spirits which are thought to travel inside these animals. As a result, hundreds of the natives are killed each year because they are afraid to kill these beasts.

REGULATIONS AND GAMBLING.

So far as gambling was concerned there was nothing in the Land Regulations to prohibit it altogether; there was no mention of public gambling and the Municipal Council had no power to prevent it as "public" gambling. The by-laws referred to licences for lotteries, but it had been the policy of the Council in this, as in other peculiar problems, he would indicate the Council's powers. In the first place, the powers were administrative, mainly according to the Land Regulations and the by-laws. Judicial administration and jurisdiction were left in the hands of government authorities—a division of power which had important consequences.

THE CHINA MAIL.

The investigation showed that throughout the thirties the women were little more active than the men, though in the next decade they definitely out-distanced them.

UNAFFECTED BY AGITATION.

When the Greyhound Racing Club began the question of this licence was taken up by the S.M.C. and the Consular Body had requested them to discontinue the practice. Licences had been granted to keep a place of public entertainment, "and to the extent of their betting" or spooning.

The investigation showed that throughout the thirties the women were little more active than the men, though in the next decade they definitely out-distanced them.

A SENSE OF WHOLESALE.

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SHANGHAI HOUNDS.

UNOFFICIAL STATEMENT AS TO COUNCIL'S POSITION.

POWERLESS TO STOP RACING.

That the Shanghai Municipal Council is powerless to put a stop to greyhound racing in the International Settlement so long as there is some doubt whether betting on the pari-mutuel is legal or illegal, and that, pending a decision of this issue, the greyhound racing clubs in the Settlement are carrying on without licences from the Municipal Council, was the gist of an interview given by a member of the Council. It was emphasised that the views expressed were those of a member of the Council, only, and should not be interpreted as an official expression of the opinion of the Council as a body, as we had previously been given to understand was to be issued.

THE LAND REGULATIONS.

The Land Regulations and by-laws by which the Settlement is administered, remarked the member of the Council, by which "prohibits" public gambling as "public" gambling, though there is a mention of lotteries in the by-laws which makes it illegal to run lotteries without a municipal licence. Licences for lotteries have not been issued by the Council since 1901. Licences are, however, issued to "places of public entertainment," one of whose stipulations is that "no gambling be conducted at these places."

As the function of the Municipal Council is administrative purely and does not include jurisdiction over Shanghai's citizens, it has been the practice that all such licences issued by the Council have to be countersigned by the consular authority of the applicant, or his equivalent in the case of those not possessing extraterritorial privileges, in order that the consul or official concerned may be satisfied that there is no violation of the gambling laws of his own nation in the activities to be carried on by the applicant.

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LICENCES IN ABEYANCE.

So far as the Greyhound Racing Club and the Shanghai Greyhound Club are concerned, the former applied for and received a licence as a place of public entertainment, but before the Shanghai Greyhound Club began racing, the question of the legality of the betting had been raised and was already receiving the careful attention of the consular authorities of the applicant, who in these cases were British. As a result the licence for the G.R.A. was not renewed and one for the S.G.C. never granted. The Municipal Council regarded the licences as "in abeyance" until such time as the British authorities could make a ruling on the question of the betting.

In order to appreciate the difficulties facing the Municipal Council in this, as in other peculiar

problems, he would indicate the Council's powers. In the first place, the powers were administrative, mainly according to the Land

Regulations and the by-laws. Judicial administration and jurisdiction were left in the hands of government authorities—a division of power which had important consequences.

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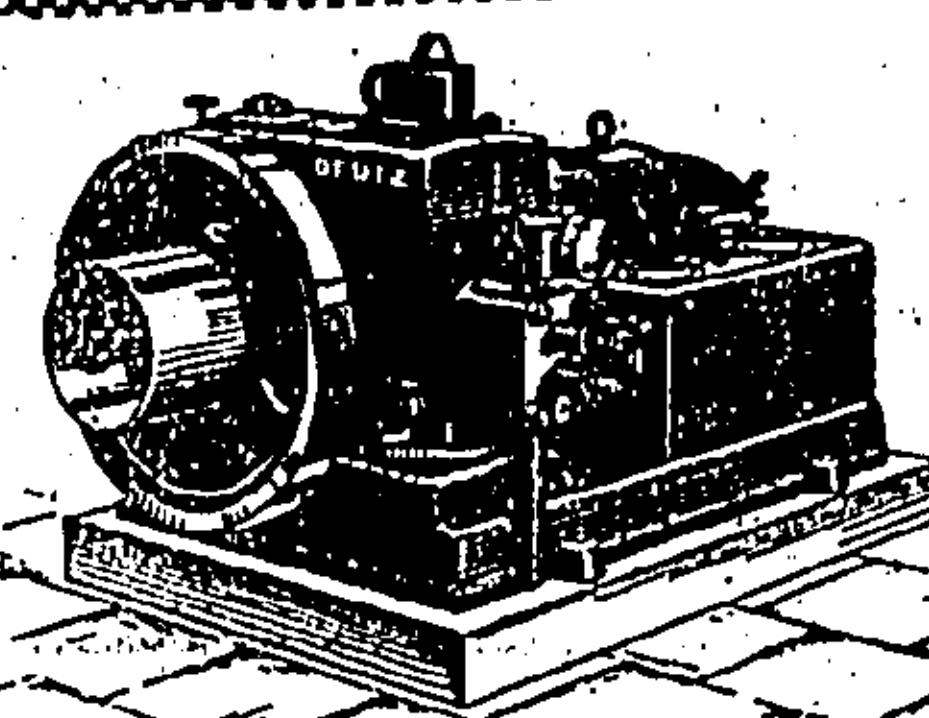
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AMATEUR "TRAMP."

CLUB MAN SETS OUT WITHOUT
A PENNY.

TO EARN HIS KEEF.

The young lady with the Scaly-hams will always prove a happy memory. I met her near Bickley at early morning. She was exercising half a dozen of those dogs, and they were full of whyness and mischief.

I played Don Quixote to this maiden in distress, rounded her dogs up and, after explanations, she took me to her father with a view to a job of work for a breakfast, a bath, and a shave.

It was a capital breakfast, taken with the family. Afterwards I shaved and changed.

"This will take three hours' work to pay off," I said. "What can I do?"

"My motor-car wants a wheel changed and a new tube put in," said my host.

I did that.

GOO-GOO EYES.

The family were going out, most of them, but I insisted on more work, and thus I was handed over to the tender mercies of the maid in the kitchen.

She made goo-goo eyes at me, sat on the table and smoked. It was a great joke to her. But I was as solemn as a saint, and I do not think it pleased her.

Her brain was racked to provide some imposition for me. Inattention to kitchen charms must be punished.

"The drains want cleaning out," she said presently.

"Right-on," I said. "Give me brushes and something to clear away the dirt with."

"You will have to do it with your arms," she said maliciously.

So down on my knees I went, my arms thrust in the wretched drains, and I eventually cleared them.

"Now wash the dishes," she said.

She sat back on a tilted chair, her feet on the table, and laughed with glee as I settled to the job.

"Anything more?" I asked when I had finished.

"Scrub the kitchen floor," said this martinet.

How I could have slapped her as she rocked with joy!

"Take up the mats and shake 'em," she ordered.

SECOND MEAL EARNED.

I did two hours of kitchen work, and I hope the drains are all choked, and plenty of company comes, and the kitchen gets covered with tar marks so as to make that grinning kitchenmaid work.

I earned my second meal that day by wheeling crazy paving stones, and at night I clipped a hedge for supper and a lodging in a tool shed.

I did not see any reason why my last employer on one day should not be the first employer on the next—this was not against the spirit of the wager, which was that I should do three separate jobs per day and earn three meals, so when morning came I rose early and did a lot of weeding.

When the good man came down he started me on making a rockery, and after that painting the verandah.

Thus I earned a meal again, and another clean collar.

Aching in every limb—for as you will see the honest hobo business means either working or walking the whole time except for sleep—I ambled off to Orpington to a friend of my last employer. He was out at a cricket party. It was Sunday, and it suddenly dawned on me, that on Sunday the British workman requires extra rate of pay. That was to the good, anyway.

There were plenty of men in the front gardens of the villas on Sunday morning. One was making a contrivance of wood—a sort of baby's cradle or cage. He seemed glad of help, and I assembled the already cut pieces of this movable little infant prison, and cleaned the family plate, and they gave me a meal for it.

Then came a poser. "You are fond of babies?" said the lady of the house, having admired the interest I took in the cradle.

BABY-MINDING.

"Oh, yes—yes," I stammered. "Love 'em, I do."

"We have to go out for a little while," she said. "The baby is sleeping. Would you give an ear to him?"

"Certainly," I replied, but I felt all over goosey-like.

They had not been gone five minutes when that infant woke and yelled. It yelled more when it saw me. I gave the youngster everything I could to play with, but my face seemed to annoy it. How thankful I was when the fond parents returned and took the howling child from me with indignation looks! I vow they thought I had been pinching it or sticking pins in its anatomy.

An elderly man was cutting his lawn in the evening, and I begged work "What do you want for it?"

"A little bread and cheese, and a glass of beer or a cup of tea."

"Where's the catch?" he asked.

"There is no catch," said I. "I honestly want a meal, and am prepared to work for it."

"Right," he said, and promptly relinquished the lawn mower and dropped into a chair while I pushed the machine over the grass.

He proved a downright good sort, though—took me in and gave me a supper of hot soup, cold mutton and mint sauce, green peas and potatoes, some trifles with a kick of brandy in it, a bottle of beer, and some gruyere cheese.

HIGH VALUE.

He sat up talking with me until the morning, and during the conversation he dealt me out two whiskies and soda and eight cigarettes. I had something heavy to pay for in work before I went.

"Let me offer you a bed," he asked two or three times, but I refused that, though I accepted his offer of the couch.

When he went up he lent me a suit of pyjamas and told me where the bathroom was, and I found when I was early astir next morning that he had put out a razor and a nail brush.

I do not think I overdid it in valuing the sofa and the refreshing night's rest at a shilling. The meal I put down at five shillings, and the whiskies and cigarettes at two shillings, the beer at a shilling. Against this I had only earned the night before two shillings.

He agreed to my reckoning for doing the lawn, so I had something like seven shillings to make good before I had breakfast and left.

I did it. I was up at five o'clock, and all that morning I was paying off my debts, including further acknowledgment for breakfast, by digging, weeding, manuring, tying up roses, painting the trellis and all kinds of handy jobs.

THE LAST DAY.

My last 24 hours of this tramp for work had begun. The week should have finished at nine o'clock next night, or with my third meal, but I had an important engagement on the last day, and my friends with whom I made the wager agreed to let me off at two o'clock in the afternoon.

I had started off on this penultimate day about midday, having worked all the morning paying off the splendid "blow out". I had the night before, and my breakfast.

My second meal was earned in quite ordinary fashion. I was given a job to trim a tennis court and clip off with scissors about 350 feet of dead pink that formed a border round the garden.

HELPING A D.S.O.

Towards night I met the only service man encountered during the week. He was a D.S.O., and took part in a world-renowned engagement. He was busy with crazy pay—there was a terrible run on it just now—and I wired in at his indication and helped to finish it.

A supper, a bottle of beer, and a rest in his shed were the reward.

I was 14 or 15 miles from London, and about midnight I got up and started for town on the last lap of the pilgrimage.

Like a horse going home to his stable I legged it, hard, and some time about dawn I reached the office of the "Daily Express". Several people on my journey had said,

"You ought to write this for the papers," and I thought perhaps I could just dot down a paragraph or two and that might earn my breakfast, leaving me one more meal to win a meal for it.

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before claiming the tanner each from my five clubmates who had bet me two to one. I couldn't do the task.

EMBANKMENT WALK.

The "Daily Express" latest editions were just being "put to bed"—I think that is the term for going to press—so I determined to look round later in the morning. But I still had to get that breakfast.

I wandered down to the Embankment. A woman and a man were busy with coffee-tables.

"I wonder if you would give me a cup of tea and something, and in return I will wash up the dishes or do any odd job," I said.

"What's the matter with you?" asked the woman. "Aren't you well?"

I explained that I badly wanted a breakfast, and was willing to work for it.

That woman had a good heart.

"Come inside, duck," she said. "You poor thing. Here's a cup of coffee." She handed out a "hot dog" or something of the sort with it.

"But I'm afraid I can't accept unless you will let me work for it," I said. "You see, I'm doing this for a wager, and I must work for all I get."

This roused the interest of the man immediately.

"Good for you, matey," he said.

"Here, have some cigarettes."

"I have a bit on sometimes, duck," said the woman. She was all for discussing the race meetings, and with my mouth full of "hot dog" I tried to join in about the gee-gees.

GENEROUS COCKNEYS.

After I had finished I washed up the dishes and cleaned the windows, though the woman did not wish "ducky" to do so.

When I left, the woman pushed a packet in my hand.

"A few fags, duck," she said.

The man handed me his box of matches.

Nobody must ever tell me that Cockneys are not generous.

At 11 o'clock I presented myself at the "Daily Express" office.

"I have what I think is a good paragraph for you," I said. "The only payment I want is that you will stand me a lunch."

I told the story and had my lunch at the Press Club. It was now two o'clock, and my task was done: I had won my bet. When I went back to the office from lunch I was asked to write my experiences fully.

And thus I have recorded them.

Of course, in addition to winning the £50 wager I have verified my statement at the club.

What are my conclusions on the whole matter?

JOBS FOR ANY ONE.

First, I am of definite opinion that any honest man who is not afraid of hard work, and who has no dependant, can walk round the countryside within easy reach of London and get odd jobs.

He will not get a lot of money at it, but can earn 10s. a day or its equivalent.

Any man trying it should accept my advice.

Don't try to impose on women.

They will probably shut the door in your face.

Don't call at meal times. Go on till you see a man about his garden or outhouse, and then apply.

I am quite sure that a man working, say, six hours a day could get two jobs, and would receive at least a meal and 3s. for each job.

I returned sun-blistered, bone tired, thoroughly weary, but a happy man, my wager won, and incidentally feeling better in health than I have felt the last three years.

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HONG KONG SWIMMERS DO WELL AT CANTON.

THREE-DAYS' MEETING.

Two of the Hong Kong representatives, who went to Canton to compete in the interport aquatic meeting, have distinguished themselves.

These are Mr. Chan Chun-jing (Chinese Athletic Association) who obtained three firsts and one third place and Mr. Wong Man-huen, (Chinese Bathing Club) who obtained two firsts and two second places. Each got 16 points, the highest for individuals. The Hong Kong women representatives also did very well.

The meeting was held at the Ching Wu Athletic Association's bathing beach at Tung Shan, Canton, on Sept. 15-18.

Macao athletes were also invited.

Admiral Chan Chak, commander of the Canton Navy, was elected chairman of the meeting.



Percy Williams, the Canadian schoolboy sprinter, who showed his heels to Americans and European cracks in the 100 and 200-metre finals at Amsterdam, Charley Paddock, erstwhile "fastest human," told reporters that "Williams didn't run, he flew!"

BASEBALL.

Following is the line up for the Championship game at 5 p.m. today at Happy Valley between the Filipino Club and the South China Dragons for the Championship:

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Hachiuma c. S. S. Lee
Zafra p. S. L. Lee
T. Leonard 1st. T. Chinn
Alvaro 2nd. W. Sling
Murata a.s. Choy
Bautista 3rd. June
D. Leonard r.f. D. Chinn
Kusano c.f. Shinn
Rull (Mgr.) r.f. H. Sling
His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.) has signified his intention of being present at the game.

THE HEARTS.

MANAGER McCARTNEY ON THE OUTLOOK.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS.

The ninth post-war season finds the Hearts kicking off with brighter prospects than has been their lot since the famous days of 1914.

Even our most severe critics of recent years have regarded our prospects in a most favourable light,

and while confessing to an optimistic feeling myself, it is a true saying that the "best laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley."

Still, the fact that the club opens

the season with so little adverse

criticism is something to be thank-

ful for, and its absence will have

a very helpful effect on the boys

who one and all, are anxious to

show that they mean business. In

meeting Queen's Park we are

up against a stiff proposition, for in

this game there are all the elements

which go to make a real hard tussle.

The Hampdenites will want to

show their old goalkeeper what they

can do, and it is well known that

Glasgow will want to show the

world that the Hearts have not yet

got a championship team! By the

time these notes are read we will

know how we have fared in our

initial effort of the season to bring

long delayed honours to the East.

Last season a bad start handicapped us in our late efforts to over-

take the League leaders, and there

is no doubt that a better beginning

would have made our task a lighter

and perhaps a successful one. The

moral of last season's bad start has

not been forgotten, and I hope this

season will prove that one lesson is

sufficient for the boys.

PROMISING TALENT.

The practice games revealed pro-

mising talent in our younger

players, most of whom would not

discredit the League team even now,

but so well were the recognised

players of last season performing,

that it is only fair they, reinforced

with such players as Harkness,

Bennie, and Battles, should be given

an opportunity to carry the maroon

colours to their rightful place in

Scottish football—the League cham-

pionship.

The younger players must be

congratulated on their fine displays

in the practice games, and with so

many capable reserves ready to

step up, the League team will have

to give of their very best to retain

their places. This should be re-

flected in improved team work and a

strong desire to keep the team to

the fore.

Of the newcomers to Tynecastle,

we have players of the right stock

in Barney Battles and John Somers,

two names to conjure with, worthy

sons of illustrious fathers on the

football field. To our older sup-

porters these names recall memories

of stirring fights of the past, when

the fathers of these boys made

names for themselves in the Celtic

rank.

Their careers with the Hearts

will be watched by our older sup-

porters with more than usual

interest. My readers might be in-

terested to know that the father of

our Somers acted as best man at

the marriage of his friend Barney

Battles when they were associated

together at Parkhead.

A good stroke of business was

done when we secured the services

of Scotland's international goal-

keeper, Jack Harkness. Jack's

chief ambition as a footballer has

been to play for the Hearts. The

magnetic influence of Tynecastle

was also felt by Bob Bennie who,

like Harkness, comes to us with a

first-class reputation.

Charlie Cowie and Willie Currie,

two of our young defenders, have

joined the Tynecastle ranks imbued

with the spirit of achieving great

things, and much is expected of

these promising centre-half-backs.

It is indeed fortunate for us that

Charlie is equally as good at right

half, and in the event of being

needed for this position there is no

doubt he would worthily fill it.

Although we appear to be well

supplied with players, my directors

do not intend to rest their paws, for

a very keen lookout is being kept to

secure the services of a first-class

inside right.

That we should have to write of

our ill-luck so early in the season

goes to show that undue optimism

is justifiable only when there is no

such thing as bad luck. Much was

expected of our young right wing,

Rogers and Miller, but a further

injury to Tommy's knee is a bad

blow to the team and the player

himself.

None is more disappointed than

Peter Kerr, whose able backing has

done much to bring the best out of

these lads. Still, the season has

its full length to run, and we might

yet see these players scintillating

on the wing as they did during last

season.

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS.

The close season has found my

directors making worthy efforts to

provide for the greater comfort of

our supporters. It would be seen at

the practice games that work on

ground improvements was still in

progress. The extra ground taken

in at the south-west corner and the

carrying of the terracing over the

Gorgie entrance should ensure extra

space for the

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Japan's New Ambassador.



Katsuji Debuchi, Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, has been chosen Ambassador to the United States in succession to Taeuji Matsudaira, who is to be transferred to London. The new envoy is here shown with his family in the garden of their Tokyo home.

"There Isn't Any Age Limit."



That was the observation of Henry Ford on his sixty-fifth birthday. He declared that without the guidance of men over fifty, the "youngsters" would make a mess of running this old world. Sketches show how the famous automobile magnate occupies his time.

Principals in "Big Top" Romance.



Here's the first photo of Lillian Leitzel—now Mrs. Alfredo Cordi—her acrobat husband, following their wedding recently under the "big top" in Chicago. "The queen of all acrobats and her acrobatic hobby" plan to keep on amusing the public despite their new domestic status. The circus star and the boy of her heart have been sweethearts since childhood.

Wins Grand Prix.



Pierre Honore, nineteen, who has just been awarded the Grand Prix de Rome for his sculptural study of St. Francis of Assisi. He is a student at the Beaux Arts Academy.

A Child Bride.



Lilly Strain Geers, 12 years old, of Baltimore, who, it was revealed in court, became the bigamous bride of Dewey Geers, 28, blinded World War veteran. The ex-soldier is alleged to have deserted his wife and two children to marry the 12-year-old girl.

Makes Hole in One.



Solon Gray, 18, of Atlanta, found the end of the rainbow on the Druid Hill Links when he holed out in one and collected nearly \$500 in prize money, the hole having been endowed several years ago.

A Big Action.



Mrs. Heater Stiles, wife of operatic and concert singer, 40, in a gold suit in Los Angeles, 40, \$100,000 against Mrs. John B. Macfadden, charging the latter with alienation of her husband's affections.

His Lordship Wins—Twice.



Lord Burghley of England won first place in the 400-metre hurdles at the Olympic games by covering the distance in 53.5 seconds—a world's record. But his greatest victory was in winning the hand of the beautiful Lady Mary Montague Douglas Scott (inset), fourth daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch. The engagement was announced by Lady Mary's parents simultaneously with word of Lord Burghley's success at Amsterdam.

Will He Succeed Gene Tunney?



With Gene about to make an "important announcement"—boxing writers have it that he'll retire!—speculation is rife over the question of his successor in the realm of Fistiana. Will Johnny Risko, the Cleveland baker boy, inherit the title? Some believe he will. The picture shows Johnny wishing Gene good luck on the eve of his fight with Heeney.

Romance Is Not Dead Yet.



George D. Nobling, son of a wealthy Philadelphia family, is a throwback to the age of chivalry. He fought a duel for his wife's fair, and then tried to take his life because he couldn't get a job as an actor. The lady in question, Billy Nottage, is continuing her hospital, whether he was taken after leaping 70 feet into the hard pines.

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Peak-25 Dyer, R. M., Res., 508, The Peak.
Peak-25 H.K. & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., Chief Manager's Res., 505, The Peak.
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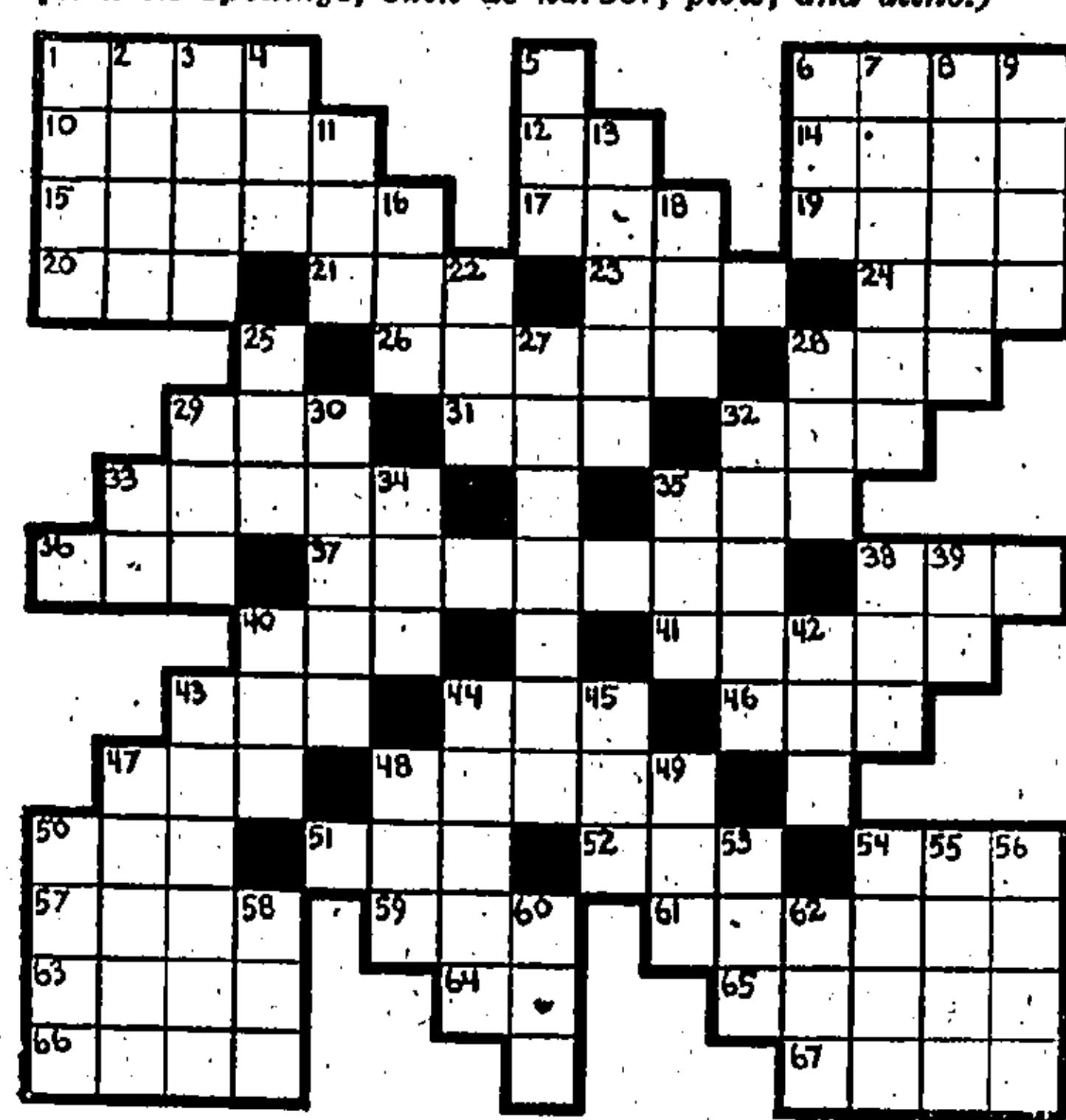
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL
1-What is an Egyptian of ancient descent called?
6-To suggest indirectly
10-Eskimo's home
12-On a higher place
14-Scent
15-Realities
17-A notable period
19-German feministic article
20-Word of assent
21-POSSESSIVE PRONOUN
22-To kiss one's arm
24-A month (abbr.)
26-Who was the inventor of the telegraph?
28-A playing card
29-Convulsion
31-Existed
32-Ever
33-What was the old name for the Swiss Lake Geneva?
35-What is the poetical name for India?
37-Part of the face
38-Boisterous
39-Adventurous fear
42-High mountain
43-A small anchor
43-Climbing plant
44-A cluck in S. E. Russia
45-To enrage
47-Magical sorcery,
—-ical

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
48-Trivial
50-A compass point. (abbr.)
51-What is the Latin for "nothing?"
52-A tree
54-Mineral spring
56-A square land measure
58-Crafty
61-To moderate
63-To navigate
64-Personal pronoun
65-Mercantile traffic
66-What is a street
67-What is called in England?—covered colonnade

VERTICAL
1-Large town
2-What is a man-eating demon?
3-Having an addition of
4-A little child
6-To regret
6-A garden tool
7-Patuity
8-Present time
8-A former allowance for waste
11-Intortion
13-What are newspaper collectively called? (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:

Island	Peak
Victoria Peak	1828
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1784
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Talkoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Hillside)	237
Taimoshan	1024
Kowloon Peak	1071

GOLD-PAINTED.

FORTUNES FOR THE SHOE SHINERS."

WORK FOR AN ARTIST.

Paris.—Shoe-shining is the latest mental occupation to be lifted to the dignity of an art.

This has been made possible by the modern woman's craze for shoes which are in as infinite variety as jewellery and sometimes almost as expensive.

Millionaires' wives are now wearing walking shoes which have to be painted every day with fresh coats of gold and silver paint.

Some of this ultra-expensive footwear is decorated with miniature flowers and delicate designs, which only an artist can carry out. Consequently when madam's shoe becomes dusty or are tarnished with the slightest spot of rain she has to appeal to the real artist to refurbish them.

There are only a few specialists in Paris who can carry out this work, and the demands upon their services are such that they are earning enormous incomes. One of them, who is in business near the Madeleine, has been the king of Parisian shoe-shiners for more than 30 years, and he proudly recalls that he used to shine the shoes of the late King Edward VII.

MR. LOUIS TRACY.

DEATH OF FAMOUS NOVELIST AND JOURNALIST.

Mr. Louis Tracy, the well-known author and journalist, whose death at his home, Dunholme, Sellinge, near Ashford, Kent, occurred recently, was for many years a contributor to London papers.

He entered the profession of journalism in 1884, at the age of 21, by joining the staff of the "Northern Echo" at Darlington. After gaining experience there and at Cardiff, followed by four years in India, he came to London and acquired an interest in the "Evening News," with the late Lord Northcliffe and others, in 1894.

In 1896 he published his first novel, "The Final War," and from that time onwards his output of fiction was continuous and rapid. He wrote in all more than 30 novels, sometimes publishing as many as three in a single year.

During the European War Mr. Tracy devoted himself to propaganda in favour of the Allied cause in the United States.

When peace returned he continued to keep in touch with the United States, where he collected many thousands of pounds for the Westminster Abbey Restoration Fund. He wrote eight novels after the war.

A summons against Lord Morven Dallas Cavendish-Bentley, son of the Duke of Portland, for alleged dangerous motor-driving was adjourned for a fortnight by the Stevenage (Hertfordshire) Bench.

GERMANY'S 30,000,000.

BRITAIN WITH 101 LIBRARIES & 17 MILLION VOLUMES.

U.S. NOT OVERLOOKED.

Berlin.—An Argentine statistician who has taken the trouble to compute the world's stock of books has arrived at the conclusion that Germany is far and away the richest country in that respect. According to reports in the German press the Argentine gentleman confined his researches to larger libraries containing more than fifty thousand volumes, and did not of course go into the intricate question of private book collections. His figures are nevertheless illuminating. They concern 1,039 libraries in different parts of the earth and a sum total of 187 million volumes. Large as the latter figure may seem, it is still well below the world's requirements because it does not allow of "one book per man" even if one takes into account all the children who amuse themselves in less intellectual ways than by reading.

UNSATISFACTORY DISTRIBUTION.

The distribution of the world's books appears to be even more unsatisfactory than their number. Asia has only 23 libraries which can boast of more than 50,000 volumes, while Africa has no more than three libraries of that size. South America has 23 libraries with a total of 2.3 million volumes, while North America has as many as 314 libraries aggregating 54.1 million books.

After Germany, whose 160 libraries house some 30 million volumes, comes England with 101 libraries and 17 million volumes.

Other European book-owning nations are, in order of precedence,

Italy, Austria, Belgium, Holland, Poland and Spain.

DEATH DUTIES.

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surrogate or deputy guardian.

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The duty payable on the son's share of the estate is only 7½ per cent.

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—Included in her inheritance

are property and goods which were

held in common by husband and wife

and which now revert to her. The

value of these is not taken into account for taxation purposes.

INSECT BITE DEATHS.

Lieut.-Colonel Robert Frank

Byron Hodgkinson, a Newark,

Nottinghamshire solicitor and

antiquarian, who took the King

and Queen over Newark Castle a

month ago, died following an

insect bite.

The sting of a wasp caused

the death of Mrs. Agnes Lucy

Malthouse, aged 62, of the Aber-

gavenny Arms, Rodmell Village,

near Lewes, Sussex. The wasp

got under her glasses and stung

her on the eye. She became un-

conscious and died three days

later.

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not even for your own brother or

father.—Judge Cluer.

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LOEWENSTEIN WILL.

HUSBAND'S SIMPLE WILL ALL TO HIS WIFE.

SMALL DEATH DUTIES.

Brussels.—In conversation with a person whose reliability is beyond question, a correspondent learned that Captain Alfred Loewenstein's will, which was dated a year before his death, was extremely simple.

Mme. Loewenstein has, to all intents and purposes for the present control over the whole of her late husband's fortune. Captain Loewenstein, knowing that this might be the case, asked her to go for whatever advice she might need to one or other of his intimate business or personal friends. This was the essential part of the will.

There are no executors of the estate, nor any members of the family, or anybody else, been appointed by Mme. Loewenstein to administer it.

In Belgian law Mme. Loewenstein has the following three indisputable rights to the fortune:

—Her marriage contract stipulates that she shall receive one-half of it.

The law provides that the widow shall have the usufruct of one half of her husband's estate.

Captain Loewenstein's son, who inherits half of his father's fortune, is a minor, and until he comes of age his mother is legal guardian to protect the interests of the ward.

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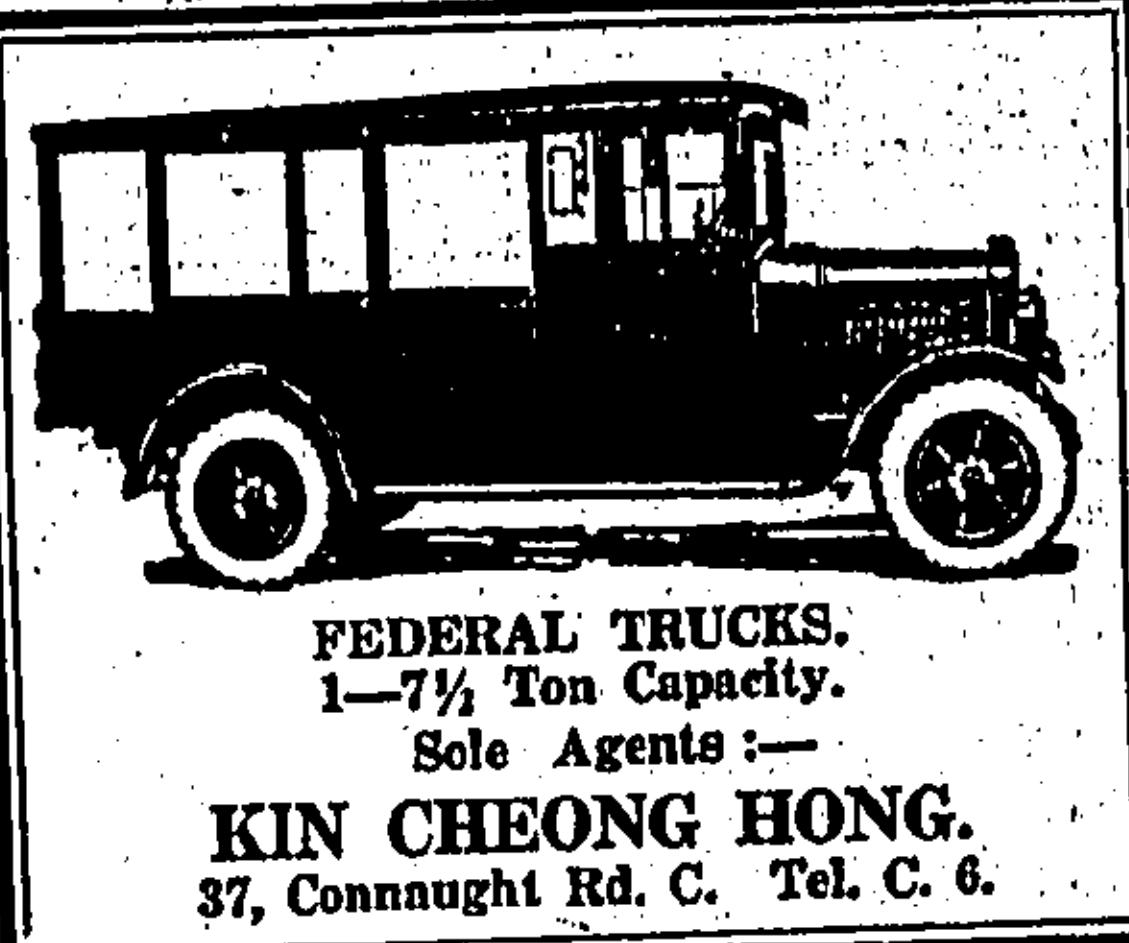
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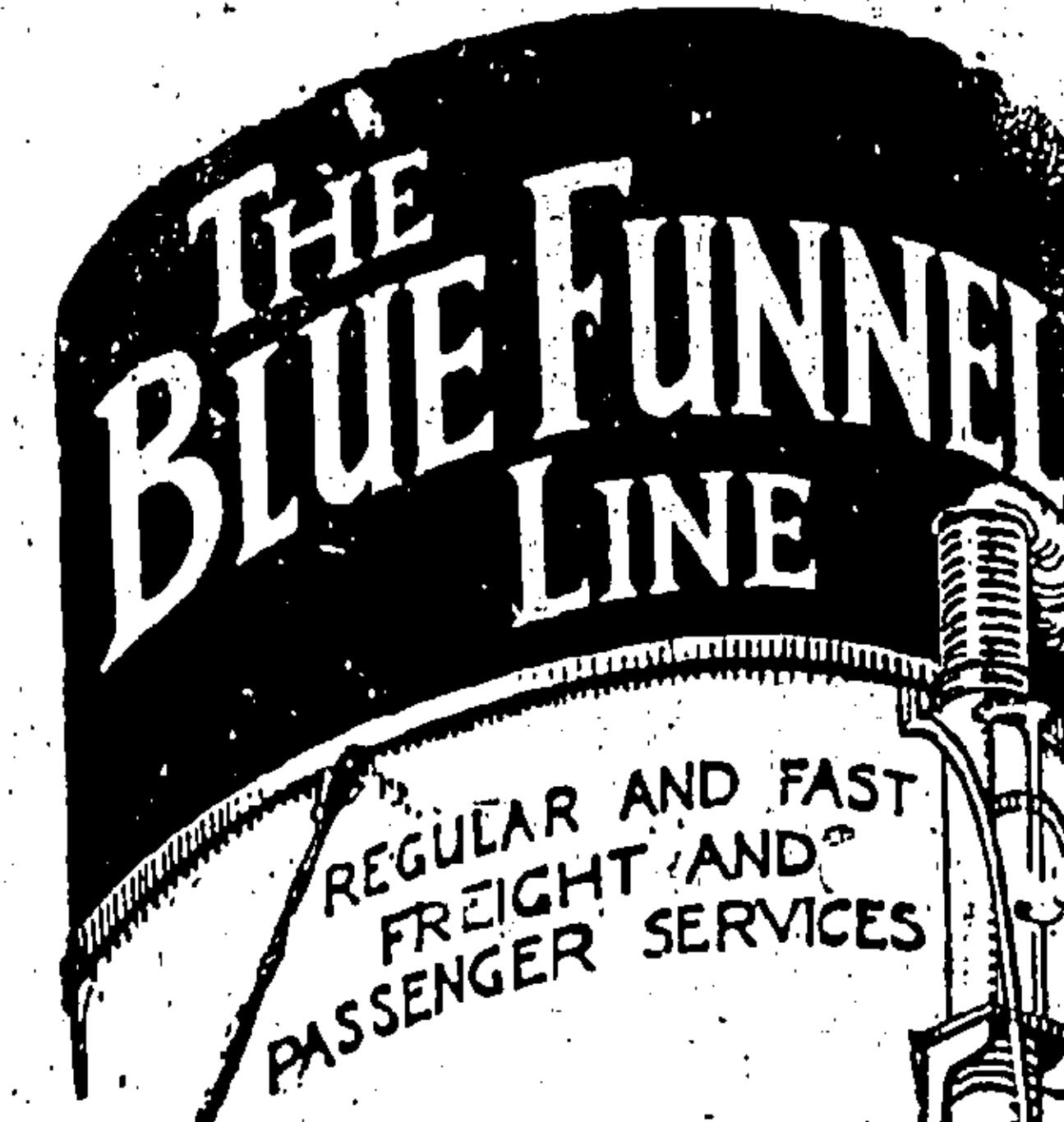
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Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Canada	
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.		
Japan and Shanghai	Athos II.	
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.		
Amoy and Swatow	Van Heutz	
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.		
Japan and Shanghai	Kasgar	

OUTWARD MAIIS.

For	Per	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.
Formosa	Sanuki Maru	8.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	4.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Yunnan	4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Holhoo, Palkoo and Haiphong	Hanoi	5 p.m.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.	Skule	8.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Tango Maru	
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 2nd Oct. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	Dell Maru	10.30 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Yuenlong	12.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels noon	Changchow	
Letters 1 p.m.		
Wei Hui Wei and Dally		
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 21st Oct. K.P.O. Registration 1 p.m.		
Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	Achilles	
Sandakan	Mausang	1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing Lee	2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Manila and Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Rhinebank	3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Hosang	6 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.	Ali Maru	9.30 a.m.
Japan, Amoy and Foochow	Harvard	2.30 p.m.
Cebu	Phemius	

U.S.A. AND DUTCH OIL LANDS.

DISPUTE SETTLED.

AMERICANS MAY NOW EXPLORE DUTCH EAST INDIES.

MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

Washington, Yesterday. The long-standing controversy between Holland and the United States about the right of their nations to explore oil lands in each other's territory has been settled.

The State Department says that henceforth the Dutch East Indies will be open to exploration by Americans.—Reuter's American Service.

THE TORNADO.

MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY FROM THE KING.

THE LATEST DETAILS.

Halifax, Yesterday.

The hurricane has caused numerous fatalities in the British West Indies. Fifty are reported dead from Montserrat, and 8,000 are homeless. The town of Plymouth is laid flat and only one church is standing. The island population requests help and supplies.

Nineteen have been killed at Nevis Island and St. Kitts Island. 33 are known to have been killed and 140 injured on the east coast of Florida. Messages from Bimini state that the island has been devastated but there is no loss of life. "Rum Row" in south Bimini is believed to have suffered several losses in small shipping and liquor stocks.—Reuter.

Messages to Governors.

London, Yesterday. H.M. the King has sent messages of sympathy to the Governors of the Leeward Islands, Bahamas and Jamaica at the loss of life and damage resulting from the hurricane.

The message to Jamaica is in respect of Turks Island, which is within the Governorship.

The Admiralty announce that in consequence of the hurricane in the West Indies the cruiser "Durban" has been ordered to proceed to Colon in case help is required in the Bahamas. The visits of "Durban" to Acapulco and Punta Arenas have accordingly been cancelled. Prince George is serving on "Durban."—British Wireless Service.

Partial Restoration.

New York, Yesterday. With partial restoration of communications it is learnt that at least 150 persons were killed at Miami in the hurricane, which is now en route to the north towards Cape Hatteras leaving a trail of wreckage and death on the eastern coast of Florida.

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.—Reuter.

MORE TALK ABOUT DISARMAMENT.

NEW PROPOSAL.

GENEVA COMMITTEE WANTS TO HOLD PARIS MEETING.

NOT POPULAR.

Geneva, Yesterday. M. Loudon, Chairman of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, informed the Third Committee that the League will be proposed to ask France, Britain, Italy, Japan and the United States to instruct their delegates on the Disarmament Commission to attend a private meeting in Paris in order that those Governments, who disagreed with certain important points in the draft Disarmament Convention, should reach an understanding as an agreement between the great Naval Powers was of paramount importance. If an agreement were reached in Paris he promised it would not delay the summoning of the next meeting of the Disarmament Committee. Alternatively, he invited the League Assembly to fix a date.

Lord Cushendun replied that it was unlikely that M. Loudon's invitation would be accepted by any of the Powers.

No Great Expectations.

Lord Cushendun added that M. Loudon, by inviting the signatories to the Washington Convention to Paris, the meeting proposed would antedate the review of that convention which had already been fixed for 1931. He proposed that the signatories should consider naval disarmament under quite different auspices and from totally different angles. Therefore, it was desirable that great expectations should not be aroused as to the possibility of a far-reaching agreement upon naval disarmament upon the proposition made in this manner, which the Governments had no opportunity to consider. He had the gravest doubt whether Britain would accept.

Debate Adjourned.

M. Paul Boncour (France) urged that the Disarmament Conference should meet by the end of 1928 or the beginning of 1929.

The debate was adjourned until to-morrow.—Reuter.

SIR T. BEECHAM.

"ARTISTIC TEMPERAMENT" AND AN OVERSIGHT.

Mr. Edward Marjoribanks, on behalf of Sir Thomas Beecham, appeared before Judge Sir Alfred Tobin at Westminster County Court during last week and asked permission to mention the case of Caramart, Ltd., against Sir Thomas Beecham.

"The case," said Mr. Marjoribanks, "excited a good deal of publicity, and I wish to explain how the matter arose." "Two claims," said Mr. Marjoribanks, "were made against Sir Thomas Beecham, one of which was paid, and in respect of the other Sir Thomas, who

thought that he had an answer, proposed to defend it. Unfortunately he had to go away to America upon a musical tour, and judgment was signed in his absence.

"He heard no more about the matter and was extremely busy at the time in organising a large artistic work in opera, when a man came and served him with a judgment summons." He said to him: "Of course, you will tell my solicitors, and the matter will be settled."

"Sir Thomas is an artist, and perhaps a great musical artist, and fully realises the limitations of the artistic temperament and places himself in such matters in the hands of his lawyers entirely."

"He looked to the lawyers to settle this matter for him. However, it was not mentioned to his solicitors. He heard no more about it and presumed that the matter was settled. The first thing he knew about it was through the report in the newspapers, and he wished to apologise to your Honour in the circumstances."

"Sir Alfred Tobin: "There is no need for Sir Thomas Beecham to apologise to me. He seems rather to have some grievance."

"Mr. Marjoribanks: "The matter would not have arisen at all if it had been mentioned to his solicitors. Of course, the man who beat him up."

"Sir Alfred: "Very well. There is no discredit on Sir Thomas Beecham."

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TRIAL FLIGHT OF NEW "ZEP."

A SUCCESS.

PILOT HOPES TO MAKE TRIP TO U.S. THIS YEAR.

EXPERTS SCPTICAL.

Friedrichshafen, Yesterday. The German-American air mail service has been brought nearer by the successful trial flight of a new Zeppelin in a two-hour cruise over Lake Constance. The pilot, Eckner, is confident that he will be able to make the trip to America this year but some of the aeronautical experts are sceptical.—Reuter.

TRADE REVIVAL?

CHINA MERCHANTS SENSE BETTER TIMES.

A SHANGHAI OPINION.

Shanghai, Sept. 16.

With the end of China's civil wars, Chinese merchants are expecting and hoping for a sharp trade revival, especially in exports and especially in their trade with the United States. Chinese raw materials are finding a steadily increasing market in the United States. With more settled conditions in China's interior making possible shipment of products to the coast for export, her export trade for 1929 is expected to show an increase over previous years which have been much affected by the wholesale wars.

During the first half of 1928 Chinese exports to the United States amounted to Gold \$76,974,195, according to consular reports compiled here. This trade was done under adverse conditions. The total for the last half of the year is expected to be greater and with continued peace coming years are expected to show decided increase.

Textiles form an important part of the exports to America.

Of the amount for the first six months of 1928, more than half was in textiles, raw silk exports alone being worth Gold 15,569,471. Sheep's wool is another important item while hides, skins, furs and other inedible animal products are being exported in increasing amounts. Hog's tooth brushes is a fast increasing business with American manufacturers.

Food exports for the period recently closed reached a large total one item being 46,000,000 pounds of peanuts, valued at more than two and a half million dollars.

Associated Press.

BOUNDFOR HOME.

U.S. MARINES AND GUNNERS LEAVE TIENTSIN.

Tientsin, Yesterday. In connection with the reduction of the American forces in China, the first batch of 350 marines and artillery left for Tongkiu by light aircraft this evening and are joining the U.S. transport "Henderson." The troops left from the British Bund where a large British and American crowd gave them a hearty send-off.—Reuter.

HUNT ALSATIANS.

EXPERT FROM INDIA ASSISTS SEARCH AT LEEDS.

London, Aug. 24. Leeds district is excited at a hunt by armed police of two Alsatian dogs which have been raiding poultry, sheep and goats. An organised search of a disused quarry, their supposed lair, had to be abandoned to-day owing to the danger of shooting some of the crowd watching the proceedings.

One expert called in by the Chief Constable of Leed's is Inspector Smithwick of the Indian (United Provinces) Police, who came to Leeds to study Police methods and has become an instructor in Indian Police methods for hunting animal marauders.

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